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BAMC sees a threat in the idea of a new trauma center in city

By Sig Christenson
STAFF WRITER

Brooke Army Medical Center's top commander on Thursday warned the City Council that a plan under consideration by a local hospital to create a new trauma center would threaten the Army's emergency medical mission.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson told the council that Methodist Healthcare has considered adding a trauma center, an action that likely would reduce the number of people treated at BAMC's emergency room.

"Adding additional trauma centers to San Antonio presents a direct threat to medical readiness" and the quality of care at BAMC and could hurt its poorest patients, Johnson told the council.

Johnson said he learned that if Methodist went ahead with the project, Baptist Health System would be forced to build its own trauma center.

A Baptist spokeswoman, Patti Tanner, couldn't confirm that. She and a Methodist spokeswoman said their hospital systems had made no deci-

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FCC tosses its rules on net neutrality

Changes are weeks away

By Cecilia Kang
NEW YORK TIMES

In Business: Learn more about net neutrality. **B8**

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission voted Thursday to dismantle rules regulating the businesses that connect consumers to the internet, granting broadband companies the power to potentially reshape Americans' online experiences.

The agency scrapped the so-called net neutrality regulations that prohibited broadband providers from blocking websites or charging for higher-quality service or certain content.

The federal government also no longer will regulate high-speed internet delivery as if it were a utility, like phone service.

The action reversed the agency's 2015 decision, during the Obama administration, to have stronger oversight over broadband providers as Americans have migrated to the internet for most communications.

It reflected the view of the Trump administration and the new FCC chairman that unregulated business eventually will yield innovation and help the economy.

It will take weeks for the repeal to go into effect, so consumers won't see any of the potential changes right away.

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Annie Ellison Sance visits a sidewalk at South Presa and Eager streets, where there's an image of her parents, Loil and Estella Ellison, etched in the concrete.

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It gave birth to the East Side. Staffer Vincent T. Davis takes a trip through time to tell us about the Baptist Settlement neighborhood, the city's earliest African-American community. The Southern Pacific Railroad tracks, Alamo Street, Carolina Street and Goliad Streets were its boundaries, and a church was at its heart. **Page A8**

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The Ellisons are seen in front of their home in the early 1930s. The area later was razed to make way for Victoria Courts.

Texas rep also will leave under a cloud

Farenthold not seeking re-election

By Kevin Diaz
WASHINGTON BUREAU

Rep. Blake Farenthold, R-Corpus Christi, faces allegations of sexual harassment.

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Blake Farenthold, R-Corpus Christi, facing mounting allegations of sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior, acknowledged Thursday that he'd allowed his office to become "decidedly unprofessional" and said he won't seek re-election in 2018.

The announcement, made in a video statement on his campaign's Facebook page, adds him to a growing list of business leaders, politicians and celebrities laid low by accusations of unseemly behavior or mistreatment of women.

Amid a growing onslaught of revelations involving at least three former staffers — one of them a man — Farenthold's exit was greeted with growing acceptance by Republican leaders.

"There are news stories that

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Chance of a deal on Dreamers this year now is slipping away

By Bill Lambrecht
WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Democrats in Congress are growing increasingly pessimistic that an agreement to protect young undocumented immigrants from deportation can be reached this year.

Laredo Democrat Henry Cuellar says it might take a miracle to get a deal done before lawmakers go home for the holidays.

But immigration advocates hold out hope an agreement can be achieved in the Senate, which yet could force action in the House before likely adjournment next week. Bipartisan negotiations among senators were under way Thursday.

The nearly 800,000 so-called Dreamers in jeopardy since the Trump administration canceled the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program have pressed for resolving matters this month.

President Donald Trump gave Congress until early March to write legislation restoring protections, a date GOP leaders in Congress see as affording sufficient time for a solution.

But advocates note that an average of 122 DACA recipients lose protections daily because their applications for renewal weren't received by Oct. 5, the deadline the administration prescribed, resulting in a loss of protections when work permits

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Demonstrators shout their support of Dreamers during a rally outside Rep. Will Hurd's local office to encourage a vote to extend the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

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